



LONG DITTON

INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER

11th January 2019

LATEST NEWS

Dear Parents and Carers

What a lovely full week this has been. In assembly we have been talking to the children about treating each other as they would like to be treated. It would be very helpful if you would talk to your children over the weekend and reinforce this message. Often when trying to sort out issues between children, one child will complain about the actions of another and when investigated it turns out that they were also behaving the same way. It was ever so I believe!

Creative Week

Just a reminder that next week is Creative week. Children will be doing lots of exciting activities based around art and DT, drama and music. As part of Creative week, each class will be learning about an artist and then making their own piece of art based on the artist's work. Please ask your child who their class artist is and the artwork they will be learning about.

On Friday, we will hold an art exhibition showcasing all the artwork the children have made during the week. Parents and carers are invited to come and see the artwork. The school will be open early from **2.30pm to 2.55pm** for parents/carers to come into the hall for the exhibition, before picking up their child at the end of the school day. It will be a great event and we look forward to seeing lots of you there. There will also be a donation box for any spare change you may have. Any donations will be put towards buying new art supplies for the school. Thank you. Mrs Maclver.

Snow Closures

I thought I would remind parents and carers about our snow procedures as there has been a rumour

that there might be snow over the coming weeks. Please be assured that we will do everything in our power to keep the school open. We have some things to consider. These include:

- Safety of the children both in school and their journey to and from school.
- Safety of the staff both in school and their journey to and from school.
- Adult to child ratios if a staff member lives a long way away and can't get into school.
- Consultation with the Chair of Governors.
- Advice from Surrey County Council.
- The weather forecast prediction.

Our intention is always to remain open but there may be a time when only a few teachers are able to get to school and so we will have to partly close. If we do have to close, parents and carers will be informed in a number of ways.

1. On the school website notification bar;
2. On Radio Jackie, local to our school;
3. On the Schools Closure list on the Surrey County Council Website;
4. A ParentMail sent to all parents.

Over the past 8 years we have only had to close for one day due to snow and taking the decision to close on that day was excruciating – I am always hopeful that we will not have to take the decision to close for any reason and if we do it is only after a very long consultation process.

Birthday Books

Thank you to Bea, Amaya, Oscar F-S and Lauren for choosing birthday books to give to their classes.

Class with the most attendance

The class with the best attendance this week was Sapphire with 99%. Well done!

Thought for the week

“It is really wonderful how much resilience there is in human nature. Let any obstructing cause, no matter what, be removed in any way, even by death, and we fly back to the first principles of hope and enjoyment.” Bram Stoker

Have an impressive weekend!

Mrs Paines

Nursery

Happy Friday!

We have had a lovely first week of our new topic “People Who Help Us” – we have been looking at the person who helps us to cross the road safely when we come to school, Malcolm the lollipop man. He visited us so that the children could talk to him about his job and we have made our own lollipops and pictures of Malcolm.

Next week we will be joining the whole school in creative week and we will be looking at people who help us by making our world more beautiful and interesting – artists. We plan to explore work by Picasso on animal sculpture and will be making our own pieces of art work which you will be able to see in the whole school art exhibition on Friday afternoon.

Nursery will always welcome junk modelling supplies – please not anything that has contained nuts, seeds or sesame. We would love boxes, kitchen roll tubes, cardboard etc.

Even though it is winter, the Nursery children still have free access to the out outdoor area, so please make sure that they have a warm coat! It would also be very helpful if all of their items were named to avoid confusion.

Thank you to Eimear for all her hard work baking gingerbread people this week and thank you Malcom for visiting us to tell us all about your job.

Have a happy weekend.

The Nursery Team ☺

Reception

This term, our new topic is Traditional Tales and this week we have been enjoying the story of ‘The Three Little Pigs’. In literacy, we have drawn story maps with labels and then used them to re-tell the tale. The children took it in turns tell the story and even adapted the story by changing the characters and setting. Have you heard the story of The Three Little Crocodiles?

The children have also had the opportunity to create puppets, make a puppet theatre, sequence the story as well as make wanted posters for the wolf. They have also been building houses of straw, sticks and bricks and predicting whether they will withstand the wolf’s huffing and puffing.

In maths, we have been using the language of addition and writing number sentences. We will continue to develop their use of mathematical language over the coming weeks. We have also re-capped the 3-D shapes learnt so far including cube, sphere and cuboid.

Our new FRED groups have started so please could you ensure that children’s FRED folders are in their bags. Their folders will be collected in on Wednesdays and returned with new work on Fridays. Daily practise of speed sounds and hearing your child read can make a huge difference to your child’s progress so thank you for supporting us with this.

Next week is creative week and we are looking forward to studying the artist Paul Klee. We hope that you are able to join us on Friday afternoon at the art exhibition to see the children’s efforts.

Just a reminder that PE is on Tuesdays so please ensure that your child’s PE kit is in school. They need their shorts and t-shirt for indoor PE.

Learning ideas

- Oral skills are key to good writing. Encourage your child to re-tell a familiar story. Try changing an element of the story on the re-telling or change the ending. E.g. Once upon a time there were three little dolphins.....

- Go on a shape hunt and find some cubes, cuboids and spheres. Re-enforce the different between the name of the object e.g. ball and the shape e.g. sphere
- Practise some simple addition problems and use the words add or plus e.g. if I give you 6 carrots and then 2 more, then rephrase so you have 6 carrots and I add 2, how many do you have?

Next week

- Creative week studying the artist Paul Klee
- Friday 18th January - Art Exhibition. Come and see the outcomes from creative week.

Have a great weekend,

The Reception Team

Year 1

This week we have started our new topic of 'Superheroes'. We will be thinking about who we know that is a real life superhero and the jobs people do to make them superheroes.

In Maths this week the children have been learning all about capacity and measuring liquids in litres and millilitres. We looked at the volume of liquid in a container and decided if it was full, three quarters full, half full, or a quarter full.

We have been learning about odd and even numbers and how to recognise them. We learnt the rule that if it ends in 0,2,4,6,8 it is even and if it ends in 1,3,5,7,9 it is odd.

We also did some 'Let's Think' Maths activities, the children used their thinking skills to solve a problem.

In Literacy we wrote a letter to Aunt Lucy from 'Paddington' to tell her all about the different things she could do in London.

We also learnt how the suffixes 's' and 'es' change a word from singular to plural.

We also had to think really carefully about who we would rather be, The Gingerbread Man, or Jack from Jack and the Beanstalk. We then wrote about this.

Home Learning

Reading: Please can you read with your child as much as possible and record it in their reading diary.

Maths: Give your child a measuring jug and ask them to fill it full, three quarters full, half full, or a quarter full. You can extend them by asking them to fill it to a certain amount of ml, e.g, 200 ml

Literacy: Make a list of words as singular, e.g. dog, hat, box, and ask your child to change it to the plural word by adding either an 's' or 'es'

Pet Photo: If you have a pet, please can you bring a photo of it in on Monday for our art project.

Show and tell – Lions (The children can choose what they bring in as long as it is not a toy and they can tell us two facts about it.) Show and Tell is on Friday. Please ask your child what animal group they are; if they are unsure then check with their class teacher.

Helpers Needed!

After half term Yr 1 are hopefully going to begin hockey sessions at Surbiton Hockey Club. In order for yr 1 to go, we need a number of parents/carers (preferably DBS checked) to walk with each class to Surbiton Hockey Club and back to school. We will be taking part in this exciting opportunity on Thursday mornings between 9am – 11am but it is only the walking to and back from the club that we need help with. If you can help, we would be really grateful! Please let either the Yr 1 teachers or the office know if you can offer any assistance so that the children can take part!

Year 2

In Literacy and PSHE this week we have been learning to identify and think about a range of emotions, linked to the film **Inside Out** – joy, sadness, fear and anger. We discussed times when we have felt these emotions and how they made our bodies feel. We thought about who, how and when to ask for help with our feelings. In SPAG we looked at homophones, words that sound the

same but have different meanings and different spellings.

This week in Maths we have been continuing to learn about time. We have been reading o'clock, half past, quarter past, quarter to times, also recognising times to 5 minutes! We answered time problems, such as if the café opens at 10 o'clock and closes at half past 2, how long is it open for? If I arrive at my friend's house at half past 3 and leave at 4 o'clock how long did I stay there?

In Computing we have used the Purple Mash programme to create a postcard explaining our hopes and aims for 2019. We thought about our hopes for our families and friends, aims and targets for school and something we have always wanted to do.

Reminders: Diamond class look forward to seeing parents/carers on Thursday 17th January at 9.05 for our assembly! Please can you help your child to learn their words. If they have a lot of lines, don't worry they will have them to read in the assembly!

Homework: To use estimate and measure how many times you can complete activities in 1 minute. We will repeat this activity for Homework next week.

Key vocabulary: minutes, hours, time, half past, quarter past, quarter to, o'clock, emotions, anger, joy, fear, sadness, goal, target, hope, homophone.

Next week it is Creative Week and Year 2 will be learning about the British artist, Henry Moore. We will be finding out about his life and looking at his artwork, in particular his animal sculptures. Using these images as inspiration, we will be designing and creating our own animal sculptures which will be displayed as part of the Art Exhibition in the hall on Friday afternoon.

School Office

School Fund Voluntary Contribution–Spring term
Thank you to all those parents/carers who have contributed to the school fund so far this year. If you are making termly contributions, then we would remind you that the Spring Term contribution

is now due. For more information about the school fund and how your contributions help the school to provide extra curricula activities for the children, please see the letter sent as a separate attachment. This term we have coming up - Creative week, Book week, Science week, Living Eggs.

Friends

Hope everyone survived the first full week back.

Thanks to those who came along to the meeting on Wednesday; if you would like a copy of the full minutes, these can be provided by contacting Jessica2179@yahoo.co.uk, but as a brief review we discussed past events and future ones such as:

That Cabaret night on the 17th; 7.30pm in the George Evelyn (GE) pub - we will be selling tickets right up to 7.30pm on the night, so you can make the last minute decision to come and buy on the door. We are also having a raffle on the night too.

Bollywood Ball - we do still have a few tickets; please let us know if you would like to come. We are able to offer help in the form of a shopping evening where Bollywood dress (sari's, scarfs etc) will be available to try and buy. This is planned for the 7th Feb at the GE pub.

We are hoping to issue eTickets for the Ball event so look out for these.

On the Ball evening there will be an auction and we are looking for high end prizes for these, if you have a holiday home you can offer time on, any wine tasting events you could run, or connections with a sports team, please come and talk to us.

Yarn bombing around Long Ditton - this will involve a treasure hunt too. If anyone is happy to donate wool or knit some squares, chicks, Easter related things, please start knitting!

Pamper evening on 2nd April, details will be shared soon.

Quiz night on 23rd May

And more to come!

Finally, if you donated cakes to one of the sales/fairs before Christmas, PLEASE pick your tins from the bike sheds, there are lots there and festering a bit!

ACHIEVEMENTS

ValueStars: Resilience



Henry M
Poppy H
Oscar F-S
Eva
Elena
Olivia S
Joe

Golden Certificates:

Alfie R
Henry M
Hannah
Vristhi
Sienna
Miguel
Tom
Isabelle
Tate
Jago
Eilidh
Forrest
Charlie F
Amaan
Jack
Sophie A
Parth
Eloise

Credit Card:



Ellis
Eilidh
Isaac

Bea- 6
Oscar F-S – 6
Joseph H – 4
Mrs Hamid – Over 21

Outside Achievements:

Sylvie received her 5m Swimming Distance award and Swim Skills Level 1 certificate

DIARY DATES

January 2019

Monday 14 th	Start of Creative week
Thursday 17 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9.05am Diamond class assembly 6.00pm Full Governing Body meeting – please give one week’s notice to Clerk of Governors at clerktogovs@longditton.surrey.sch.uk if you would like to attend
Friday 18 th	2.30-2.55pm Art Exhibition in hall – all welcome before collecting your child
Tuesday 22 nd	Yr 2 Diamond class to Stokes Field
Wednesday 23 rd	Yr 2 Amethyst class to Stokes Field
Thursday 24 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9.05am Amethyst class assembly School Nurse 4+ screening
Thursday 31 st	9.05am Sapphire class assembly

February 2019

Thursday 7 th	9.05am Moonstone class assembly
Friday 15 th	Finish for half term break at 3.05pm
18 th -22 nd February	Half term break – school closed
Monday 25 th	Return to school at 8.45am

March 2019

Monday 4 th	Start of Book week
Wednesday 6 th	4.00-6.00pm Parent/Teacher consultation appointments
Thursday 7 th	3.30-8.00pm Parent/Teacher consultation appointments
Thursday 14 th	9.05am Topaz class assembly
Friday 15 th	Red Nose day for Comic Relief
Monday 18 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Start of Science week Living Eggs arrive
Tuesday 19 th	Yr 1 trip to The Look Out Discovery Centre
Wednesday 20 th	Yr 2 trip to The Houses of Parliament
Thursday 21 st	2.30-3.00pm Open afternoon
Tuesday 26 th	Yr 2 to Stokes Field
Wednesday 27 th	Yr 2 to Stokes Field
Thursday 28 th	2.15pm Rocksteady Concert
Friday 29 th	Chicks depart

EVENTS / ACTIVITIES (outside of school) / School Adverts

Please note the school does **not** promote or endorse any children's clubs or activities advertised.



Managing Behaviour Effectively for Parents & Carers

No one has ever said parenting was easy. Living with children can be one of life's most enjoyable experiences, but it can also be unbelievably frustrating. 123 Magic is a simple, precise and effective way of managing the behaviour of children. It's not magic but works like magic!

The aims of the programme are:-

- Job 1: Controlling Challenging Behaviour** – Learn an amazingly simple technique to get children to STOP doing what you don't want them to do (whining, arguing, tantrums, sibling rivalry etc.).
- Job 2: Encouraging Good Behaviour** – Learn several effective methods to get your children to START doing what you want them to do (picking up, eating, going to bed and staying there!, chores etc.).
- Job 3: Strengthening Your Relationship** – Learn powerful techniques that reinforce the bond between you and your children.

Will the programme work with children who have learning difficulties?

It certainly can. The program has been used successfully with Autistic, Asperger's, ADHD and ODC children. In fact when parents have children with these difficulties, the clarity of the 123 Magic warnings is especially helpful for the visual and auditory understanding.

The course is a 4 week programme and the following courses available are as follows:-

- Tue 26th Feb 2019 (4 weeks) 7.30-9.30pm at Cardinal Newman, Hersham
- Tuesday 5th March (4 weeks) 1pm – 3pm at Ashley School, Walton
- Tue 4th June 2019 (4 weeks) 7.30-9.30pm at St Marys, Long Ditton
- Mon 17th June 2019 (4 weeks) 9-11am at Cardinal Newman, Hersham

If you would like to book onto a course please contact **Michelle Talboys - Home School Link Worker** on 07703 322066 or email at hslw@thames-ditton-infant.surrey.sch.uk



KT6 Litter Pickers

2ND SUNDAY OF
EVERY MONTH
9.30 - 10.30AM



13th January

Meet by the tree next to Manny's.

All welcome.

Join us on Facebook to find out more!



Arts & Crafts / Messy Play
For 1-5 year olds
Every Monday at 10-10:45am
Long Ditton Village Hall (annex)
Drop-ins welcome!

